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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SAKURAI ET AL.

Examiner

Bruce H. Hess

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 7-3-03 (IDS)
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/09)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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1. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 (second paragraph) for the reasons set below:

a. All claims recite an emulsion, which comprises only coated resin particles.

By definition, an emulsion comprises a stable mixture of two or more immiscible liquids held in suspension by small percentages of emulsifiers. Applicants coated resin particles do not appear to constitute an emulsion; and

b. The meaning of the phrase "or of 60⁰ C" in independent claims 1 and 5 is not clear.

2. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the patent to Shigeki et al (JP 08118560).

Shigeki et al teach information carriers coated on the back with a resin particles which are prepared by first polymerizing a monomer mixture containing methacrylamide and a vinyl monomer having a carboxyl group and then polymerizing a vinyl monomer in the presence of the aforementioned polymerized monomer mixture in order to distribute the polymerized monomer mixture on the vinyl monomer. The experimental modification of this prior art in order to ascertain optimum operating conditions (e.g. determine monomer proportions in the copolymer or select a particular type of information carrier) fails to render applicant's claims patentable in the absence of unexpected results.

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